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Mr. William Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Amendment of § 73.202 (b)

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of Sports America Radio Network, there are transmitted herewith for filing an original and four copies of a Petition For Rule Making seeking to amend § 73.202 (b) of the Commission's Rules.

If additional information is needed, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Eugene T. Smith

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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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| In the Matter of | (FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF SECRETARY |
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| Amendment of Section 73.202 (b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations |)) MM Docket No) RM |
| (Asbury, Iowa) |) |
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| To: Chief, Allocations Branch |) |
| Policy and Rules Division |) |
| Mass Media Bureau |) |

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Sports America Radio Network (Petitioner), by its attorney, files herewith a Petition For Rule Making requesting that the Commission amend § 73.202 (b) of its Rules in the following respect:

City Present Proposed
Asbury, Iowa 277A 277A
238C3

In support of this request, the following is shown:

- 1.) Attached hereto, and incorporated by reference, is an engineering report prepared by Petitioner's Consulting Engineers, Evans Associates. The engineering report details that the proposed amendment of § 73.202 (b) of the Commission's Rules can be completed under the spacing requirements of the Commission's Rules.
- 2.) Public interest considerations are present in that this proposed addition to the FM Table of Assignments will provide Asbury, Iowa, with its second tramission service.

For these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making as reflected in this Petition.

Respectfully submitted:

SPORTS AMERICA RADIO NETWORK

By

Tagene T. Smith Its Attorney

September 20, 1996

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ENGINEERING REPORT

A PETITION FOR RULE MAKING TO AMEND THE FM TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS

TO ASSIGN FM CHANNEL 238C3 TO ASBURY, IOWA

SEPTEMBER 1996

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT

This Engineering Statement and the attached figure have been prepared by B. Benjamin Evans of Evans Associates, Consulting Communications Engineers in Thiensville, Wisconsin. This exhibit supports a petition by Sports America Radio Network (SARN) requesting modification of the Table of FM Allotments to specify FM Channel 238C3 at Asbury, Iowa.

Evans Associates has been retained by SARN ("petitioner") to prepare the engineering portion of a petition for rule making to assign FM Channel 238C3 to Asbury, Iowa. The city of Asbury is located in Dubuque County in east central Iowa. There is, at present, one radio service assigned to Asbury.

As a result of a frequency search conducted by this office, it has been determined that Channel 238C3 may be assigned to Asbury, Iowa as a second audio service; however, this proposed allotment is contingent on station KMAQ in Maquoketa, Iowa changing frequency from channel 237A to channel 236A as per their pending construction permit (BPH-941003IE).

Therefore, it is requested that Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules and Regulations be amended in the following manner:

| Community | <u>Present</u> | Proposed |
|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Asbury, Iowa | 277A | 277A |
| | | 238C3 |



Engineering Statement - Page 2 Asbury, Iowa

It is the petitioner's intention to apply for a construction permit to operate on the FM channel proposed herein, if it is assigned.

The reference point coordinates of the city of Asbury are:

The assignment of Channel 238C3 to Asbury will meet all minimum distance seperation requirements under the FCC rules if the transmitter site is located 1.9 kilometers west of the center of Asbury.

The transmitter site coordinates assumed for the purposes of this petition for rule making are:

From this location, the city of license coverage would be assured.

In view of the above, it is believed that the assignment of Channel 238C3 to Asbury, Iowa would be in the public interest.

The foregoing statement and the attached figure are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

B. Benjamin Evans

September 13, 1996

ATTACHED FIGURE

Figure 1 ---- Allocation Study - FM Channel 238C3, Asbury IA



FIGURE 1

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Evans Associates 210 S. Main Street Thiensville, WI 53092 FM FREQUENCY ALLOCATION STUDY

| CALL Φ | 238C3 (95.5 MHz) Ates: 42 - 31 - 16 90 - 47 - 39 Le: NEW - ASBURY IA CITY CH/CL-ZN ERP-kw HAAT-m DA STATE FCC# APPLICANT/LICENSEE | LATITUDE | Cl.A Spacing: 73.207 BEAR-to DIST-km REQ |
|--------|---|----------|--|
| | Maquoketa 236A 6.0 · 100 | | |
| | | | |
| KOMGFM | Independence 237A 2.9 125 | 42 28 32 | 267.1° 88.9 88.5 |
| LIC | IA BLH950605KB>Midwest Broadcasting | 91 52 26 | 86.4° +0.4 |
| KXPW | Belle Plaine 238C3 25.0 100 | 41 44 47 | 236.1° 152.7 152.5 |
| CP M | IA BMPH931118IE>Cynthia A. Siragusa | | |
| WSEY Φ | Mount Morris 239A 3.2 109 | 42 4 19 | 113.4° 123.9 88.5 |
| CP M | IL BMPED951113IF>American Family Asso | | |
| WTRV | La Crosse 23902 50. 150 | 43 37 58 | 342.3° 129.8 116.5 |
| LIC | WI BLH890213KF>Lacrosse May B/Casti | | |
| KMXG | Clinton 241C1 100. 299 | 41 37 58 | 162.1° 103.7 75.5 |
| LIC | IA BLH861017KB>Signal Hill Communic | | |
| | Sageville 291A IA 94-145 > | 42 35 42 | 36.0° 10.1\ |
| VACA | IA 94-145 > | 90 43 18 | 216.0° |
| NEW | Sageville 291A 4.40 117 | 42 38 8 | 49.6° 19.7 11.5 |
| APP | IA BPH950727MA>The Sageville Shoppe | | |

>> *** CHANNEL SUITABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT *** <<